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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL INVITATIONS

1. GREEK IMPRESSARIO THEODORE KRITAS HAS REQUESTED PAO INQUIRE OF DEPT CURRENT STATUS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES. QUERY BASED ON CONFUSION RESULTING FROM WITHDRAWAL ALEXANDER COHEN FROM BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND CANCELLATION BY COHEN ALL INVITATIONS TO FOREIGN GROUPS. CASE IN POINT IS NATIONAL THEATRE OF GREECE, WHOSE DIRECTOR, ALEXIS MINOTIS, VISITED THE US SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AT SUGGESTION MINISTER OF CULTURE TRYPANIS, WITH ADVICE MINOTIS CONFER WITH HUOK PRODUCTIONS IN NEW YORK AND KENNEDY CENTER IN WASHINGTON.

2. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE KRITAS DISCUSSED TRIP WITH MINOTIS AND SHOWED HIM OCT 3 LETTER FROM BRANNIGAN OF BRANNIGAN-EISELER PERFORMING ARTS INTERNATIONAL INC. (1501 BROADWAY) WHO SAID IN FEW DAYS HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR EXTENDING OFFICIAL INVITATION TO TRYPANIS FOR GREEK PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATIONS. DESPITE KRITAS URGING, MINOTIS INEXPLICABLY DID NOT VISIT BRANNIGAN OR DEPT OR USIA AND RETURNED THREE DAYS AGO AS MUCH IN DARK AS BEFORE.

3. KRITAS AWARE THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEATRICAL PRESENTATIONS FROM ABROAD NOW LIES WITH INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE AND REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING OUTCOME BRANNIGAN TALKS AND STATUS OF INVITATIONS. HE ALSO INTENDS PHONE BRANNIGAN TODAY.

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